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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

Monopolizing of our food system is a matter of National Security.

I am disappointed that my government seems to take the side of corporations like Monsanto over the health and safety of the American consumers and citizens. My family is proudly GMO-free. Pesticide testing is outdated and there has not been sufficient testing of GMO crops. Independent rigorous testing should be mandatory before Genetically Engineered anything is allowed to be consumed by humans or animals. Monsanto should not be allowed to supply it's own study data- Conflict of Interest.

The science that GE came from is antiquated and science now undertands more about genes and the dangers of splicing.

Antibiotics are used as markers - makes you wonder about antibiotic resistance doesn't it.

I would like to see mandatory labeling of Genetically engineered food so the consumer can have the informed choice to avoid hidden dangers in their food. If they are so afraid of labeling it must be bad for human health and they know it.

The current food industry is destroying the health of our people and hiding garbage and waste products in our food. This is a matter of National Security!! The best example is corn syrup and diabetes on the rise among young people across America. It seems to be win/win for these types of corporations which own the seed, supply the pesicide/herbicide to poison the people and the land, and also have holdings in the Pharmaceutical industry so they also have profits from the illness and disease they have created in the first place.

Former corporate lobbyist should not be allowed to be involved in anyway with government regulations and then return on the payroll of corporation that benefited from the regulations- conflict of interest. "National Security"

Mega farms are destroying our water and creating waste that is too concentrated and the meat is toxic and fed to our people - the cost is cheap but the negative consequences are high. Our tax dollars should not be used to help CFO's

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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